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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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Application Number: **10/627,096**
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First Named Inventor: **Hirano et al.**
Art Unit: **2627**
Examiner Name: **Brian E. Miller**
Attorney Docket Number: **HSJ920030046US1**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

a. Previously submitted

___ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)

___ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

___ Other

b. Enclosed

☒ Amendment/Reply

___ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

___ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

___ Other

2. Miscellaneous

___ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

___ Other

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